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Peonies--Irises--Oriental Poppies

Mr. L. C. Corbett
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Corbett:

As this letter is being written, my Dwarf and Intermediate Irises are beginning to show color and I keenly feel the call of my garden, but I am working just as hard as I know how to get the material for my 1927 Descriptive Iris Catalog ready for the printer. Every day finds me breaking away to enjoy and study the varieties as they bloom in the field, hoping and striving to convey to you and all my other flower loving friends the great beauty and and inexpressible loveliness in words that will give you some conception of these wonderful blooms.

I might have issued my catalog much earlier but I want it to be up to date. I want it to be the best one I have ever issued, interesting, accurate, instructive and helpful. As the enthusiasm of the approaching blooming season grips me, I can't help thinking of how much more valuable I could make my descriptive booklet if I waited two or three weeks longer and worked into it the record of my present blooming season. Then too, this year's catalog is to be more fully illustrated and I want to select the choicest blooms to be pictured in it.

Knowing that it will be interesting and up to date, I am sure you will wait for it. The latest edition of the newspaper always carries the most interesting news. Cakes are always best when fresh from the griddle. So I am confident that my catalog will be more valuable to you if it is not published until all my favorites in my garden have answered "roll call".

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When you receive this letter, I shall be out with the flowers I love so well, filling my field book with notes which will reach you in their completed form not later than June 20. They will cover all the developments in my garden this year.

If you will return the enclosed postcard, it will bring you one of the first copies of my new Descriptive Iris Booklets which I receive from the printer. Please register for this first preferred early mailing. To meet your immediate needs, I am enclosing a folder containing an alphabetical list of the varieties I shall offer this year.

Yours for a happy season in your garden,

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